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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

ON THE TITLE PAGE

At Item (56), Other Publications, at "Issei Kino," "COnference" should read --Conference--.

COLUMN 5

Line 35, "a of" should read --a method of--.

COLUMN 6

Line 2, "off" should read --of--.

COLUMN 9

Line 29, "extended header" should read --extended header address.--.

COLUMN 15

Line 10, "circuit:" should read --circuit--.

COLUMN 17

Line 8, "drops," should read --drops.--.

COLUMN 18

Line 32, "the said" should read --said--.

COLUMN 20

Line 4, " the said" should read --said--.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D" at the end.

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